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Confirmation No.: 1666  
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For: **COLLECTIONS OF BINDING PROTEINS  
AND TAGS AND USES THEREOF FOR  
NESTED SORTING AND HIGH  
THROUGHPUT SCREENING**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98. The Forms PTO-1449 (13 pages) and cited references are provided herewith.

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requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following related, co-pending U.S. applications and their status:

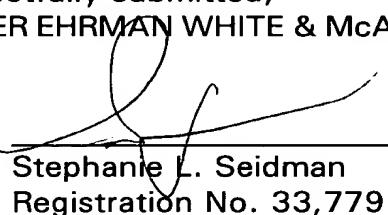
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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